

Congressman Childers Announces \$3.7 Million Recovery Act Grant to Create Jobs, Boost Development in North Mississippi

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Washington, DC - Today, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) announced a \$3.7 million Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to Itawamba Community College (ICC) of Tupelo to renovate a facility for use as a one-stop workforce development and training center. The project, made possible because of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, is expected to create additional jobs and private investment in the region.

"During today's tough times, this important funding will help North Mississippi produce a skilled and competitive work force, create jobs, and promote economic development throughout the region," said Congressman Childers. "Through the Recovery Act, EDA was awarded \$150 million nationwide, and I am extremely proud that ICC-Tupelo received a significant portion of this funding."

EDA is an agency within the U.S. Commerce Department and supports the economic development needs of distressed communities throughout the United States. Its mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness and preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.

Additional information on how EDA investments are helping distressed communities create a positive and sustainable economic future can be accessed at: <http://www.eda.gov/>.

For more information on the First District's and Mississippi's share of Recovery Act funds, visit Congressman Childers' North Mississippi Recovery Tracker at <http://www.childers.house.gov/>.

A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit <http://www.childers.house.gov/>

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